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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A method of enhancing processing capabilities in a communications network is provided. The method includes receiving a request to process a mobile station at a first control node of the network, detecting that the mobile station requires processing support, and assigning at least a part of processing of the mobile station to a second control node capable of handling the processing. The first control node configures the second control node over an interface between the control nodes, and the assigning includes routing data traffic from the mobile station through the second control node after the first control node has configured the second control node over an interface between the control nodes.

